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Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

HA 3. (amended) Protective circuit according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the first and second diodes (D1; D2) are substantially identical.

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DDFT 31031 4. (new) A protective circuit for electronic driver modules comprising
a general supply line for the lower disposed supply potential (GND) in case of proper polarity of the supply voltage in forward direction;
a first feed line (2) connected to the general supply line;
a protective diode disposed in the first feed line (2) to the general supply line (5);
a module (B1);
circuit parts (A1) predisposed to the module (B1);
a second feed line (3) for circuit parts (A1) predisposed to the module (B1);
a first protective diode (D1) having a first cathode and leading with the first cathode to the lower disposed supply



potential (GND) and disposed in the second feed line (3) and fed by the lower disposed supply potential (GND); and a second protective diode (D2) having a second cathode and leading with the second cathode to the lower disposed supply potential (GND) and disposed in the supply connection (4) of the module (B1) and fed by the lower disposed supply potential (GND).

5. (new) The protective circuit according to claim 4 further comprising at least one additional module (B2 B4), wherein a common first protective diode (D1) is furnished in a presence of several modules (B1... B4) and in each case a second protective diode (D21...D24) is coordinated to each module (B1... B4).

6. (new) The protective circuit according to claim 4 further comprising a load capacitor, wherein an output of the module is connected to the neutral conductor through the load capacitor.

7. (new) The protective circuit according to claim 4 further comprising a load resistor wherein an output of the